

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

Summary Minutes

July 15, 2004

Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Ballard Locks

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Phyllis Meyers (NMFS), Steve Foley (WDFW), Tim Romanski (USFWS), Frank Urabeck (Trout Unlimited), Bill Robinson, Hans Berge (KC), Michael Kern (LLTK)

Others in attendance: Chuck Johnson, Dave Seiler, Joan Thomas, Brodie Antipa, Anne Marshall, Maureen Small (WDFW), Paul Faulds (SPU) and Roz Glasser

Call to order

Bruce Bachen called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM. Bruce invited anyone from the public that wanted to testify during the public comment period to please sign up.

Approval of agenda

Members unanimously approved the revised agenda.

Meeting minutes review and approval from June 17, 2004

The AFC unanimously approved the meeting minutes from June 17, 2004 following some minor revisions requested by Bill R. and Chuck J.

Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead (9:30 – 11:00)

O. mykiss report summary and discussion

Anne Marshall provided members with a PowerPoint presentation that described the results reported in the progress report: Genetic relationships among anadromous and non-anadromous Oncorhynchus mykiss in the Cedar River and Lake Washington – implications for steelhead recovery. Anne acknowledged the contribution in funding from SPU and the participation of Steve Foley, Maureen Small, Dave Seiler, and others within the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Research associated with the passing of hatchery fish above Landsburg

Members received a handout produced by the City of Seattle dated June 29, 2004 that summarized consideration of whether to pass hatchery origin salmon upstream of the Landsburg Dam. Bruce briefed members on the document and noted the City was looking at potential research opportunities linked with passing fish above Landsburg. He asked members to comment on the document now or at the next AFC meeting.

Further discussion of interim program priorities

Due to time constraints, this item was not covered.

Information and discussion items (11:00 – 12:45)***Discussion of final WDFW 2001 downstream migrant report***

Bruce noted the WDFW report Evaluation of Downstream Migrant Salmon Production in 2001 from the Cedar River and Bear Creek was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Members briefly discussed the report.

Sockeye return update 2004

Steve stated the forecast was for 385,000 sockeye and noted there was a sockeye fishery on Saturday. The sports fishery was set at 17,500. Steve felt that a one-day fishing could result in catching 12,000 to 15,000 fish based on the last two fisheries.

Weir Permitting

Brodie A. reported all permit applications were submitted and they were waiting for a response by KC. He added the weir report would be available at next meeting. Frank U. stated he wanted to know by the first week in August if there were problems getting permits for the weir.

Chinook Report

The Chinook report was provided to members at the meeting. Hans noted everything went well last season and the weir didn't seem to be much of an issue. He added the redd distribution was similar to the previous year. Brodie also reported that he would bring the proposed weir protocols for 2004 to the next meeting.

Distribute HCP Annual Accomplishments Report – Year 3

Members received the HCP Annual Accomplishments Report.

Public Comment

No members of the public signed up for comments or wished to provide comments.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.